

**MINUTES  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
#2 Capitol Square  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

**November 14, 2007**

**10:00 a.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mike Evans, Chairman  
Garland Pinholster, Vice Chairman  
Roy Herrington  
Billy Langdale  
Sam Wellborn  
Robert L. Brown, Jr.  
Emory McClinton  
Rudy Bowen  
Larry Walker  
Bill Kuhlke, Jr.  
David Doss  
Raybon Anderson  
Dana Lemon

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl  
Buddy Gratton, Deputy Commissioner  
Elizabeth Osmon  
Earl Mahfuz  
Greg Mayo  
Mike Thomas  
Karlene Barron  
Todd Long  
Gerald Ross  
Sandra Burgess  
Michael Cooper  
Steve Henry

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

Mary Jo Volkert

Chairman Mike Evans opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Rudy Bowen gave the invocation.

Billy Langdale led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2007 meetings. Billy Langdale made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2007 meetings, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.\*

Todd Long, Director of Preconstruction, requested approval of the projects proposed for the December 2007 Letting. Chairman Evans asked for a motion to approve. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the November 2007 Letting, seconded by Bill Kuhlke and unanimously approved.\*

Mike Thomas, Director of Planning, Data & Intermodal Development, stated there were no revisions proposed for the Construction Work Program for November 2007.

Cheryl King, Director, Transit Planning Board, gave a presentation on the Transit Planning Board (TPB) Regional Transit Vision, which included the comprehensive regional vision plan for Atlanta. There was some discussion regarding the draft plan. She stated that the multi modal station is included in the plan and that may be more than one. Larry Walker requested that GRTA, MARTA, ARC, the Chamber and GDOT have input in the final plan. Emory McClinton requested that DOT Planning staff have input in the proposed draft plan. Cheryl King also stated a draft plan will be presented by November 29, and will be requesting input from the public and the DOT Board.

Commissioner Linnenkohl gave his monthly report, which included the state fund collections; total employment figure for October 31, 2007; and major projects open to traffic.\*

Chairman Evans asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.

#### **Resolution**

**Whereas**, Harold Linnenkohl earned a degree in Civil Engineering Technology from Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Georgia; and

**Whereas**, upon completing his education immediately began his career with the Georgia Department of Transportation as a Civil Engineering Technologist; and

**Whereas**, after joining the Department he was called to duty to serve in the U.S. Army for two years, which included a tour in the Republic of Vietnam; and

**Whereas**, after being honorably discharged he returned to the DOT and in 1983 was promoted to Assistant State Bituminous Construction Engineer; and

**Whereas**, in 1985 Mr. Linnenkohl was promoted to State Aid Engineer and in 1993 to State Aid Administrator; and

**Whereas**, after two years as State Aid Administrator he assumed the additional responsibilities of Executive Assistant to then Commissioner Wayne Shackelford; and

**Whereas**, in May of 2000 he was named Deputy Commissioner of the Department and after three years in that capacity the State Transportation Board selected Mr. Linnenkohl as the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation in September 2003; and

**Whereas**, under Commissioner Linnenkohl's leadership the Department has been recognized as one of the best departments of transportation in the nation and Georgia's roadways have consistently been ranked among the nation's best; and

**Whereas**, Harold Linnenkohl was active in regional and national transportation policy development, serving as President of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) and President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); and

**Whereas**, he has ably served the community in other functions, including providing counsel as a member of several boards, including MARTA and SRTA; and

**Whereas**, during his tenure he improved operations, strengthened the Department's internal policies and processes, and boosted employee morale by recognizing their hard work and commitment to serving the citizens of Georgia and promoting upward mobility throughout the Department; and

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the State Transportation Board recognizes Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl for his outstanding contributions, service and integrity in meeting the transportation needs of the people of Georgia and each member of the Board offers heartfelt best wishes to him for a happy and healthy retirement.

**Be it further resolved** that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Harold Linnenkohl in recognition of his devoted and commendable service to the Georgia Department of Transportation and to the people of the State of Georgia.

**Adopted this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.**

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Chairman Evans requested that each Committee Chair give a report from their committee meetings.

Chairman Kuhlke and Larry Walker gave a report from the Joint Intermodal/Building Committee. Chairman Kuhlke stated that Building Committee will be looking at long term facilities for DOT. He also stated that the members from the Building Committee, the Intermodal Committee, DOT staff and attendees from other agencies will be doing a fly around trip to Tacoma, Washington and Chicago Illinois to visit their multi modal stations and meet with their DOT staff. Chairman Walker stated that it has been decided not to go forward with the study from Carter Burgess and wait on the results from the R.L. Banks commuter rail study.

Chairman Doss gave a report from the Public/Private Committee. He stated that Earl Mahfuz, Treasurer, and Todd Long, Director of Preconstruction gave an update on the I-20 East Managed Lanes Corridor. He also stated that the I-20 corridor has been extended to the central downtown District. Emory McClinton requested that exit ramps be included in the plan for Northside Drive and I-20/I-75.

Chairman Pinholster gave a report from the Legislative Committee. He stated that Sandra Burgess, Director of Legal Affairs, presented the proposed legislation for the 2008 Legislative Session. He also stated that the committee unanimously approved to take the proposed legislation to the full Board for approval. Chairman Pinholster made a motion to approve the proposed legislation for the 2008 Legislative Session, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.

Chairman Wellborn gave a report from the Joint Equal Access/Highway Contractors Committee. He stated that Dr. Thomas Boston, EuQuant, gave a presentation on Increasing the Capacity of the Nation's Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs/DBEs), which included the Congressional National Report for increasing capacity for DBE's Personal Net Worth. He also stated that Steve Parks, Director of Highway Contractors Association commented on potential ideas regarding bonding between subcontractors and prime contractors.

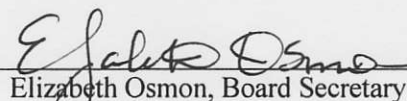
Robert Brown gave a report from the Finance Committee. He stated that Earl Mahfuz, Treasurer, and Gerald Ross, Chief Engineer, gave a presentation on the Project Programming Cycle, the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Construction Work Program. He also stated that "Long Range" in STIP means projects that are not funded. Chairman Brown stated that the committee will be reviewing Bond funding at the next committee meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Evans asked for a motion to adjourn. Garland Pinholster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Billy Langdale and unanimously approved.

Approved:

  
Mike Evans, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

  
Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

**\*Denotes Documentation in File.**